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# The Glory, Grandeur and Protection of the State.

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What constitutes a State,  
What doth make it great?  
This was asked by Sir William Jones  
And answered in grand tones.  
His idea of a State  
Was men—men who were great—  
Great in action, great in thought;  
Men with the courage to do what they ought,  
What was good, wise and grand,  
On this foundation they took their stand.  
What constitutes a State?  
Not armies or navies that are great,  
Not immense fortunes alone,  
Not the immense possessions, from zone to zone,  
For vanity, or to impress the world with awe,  
Nor men who, though strong, are vain to the heart's core,  
But men, high minded men, with large humanity,  
Men with benevolence and grand fraternal charity,  
Men who respect and love their fellowman,  
Men who labor for man all they can.  
These powers make the State,  
And make all within its borders great.  
But strong armed ports, guns on sea and shore,  
Still are essential factors in case of war.  
The good man ever labors for peace,  
But common sense teaches him not to cease—  
Cease from being alert to protect his home,  
Not to be less vigilant because of the peace tone.  
The armament is a good protection wall,  
A wall that shall the enemy apall,  
A wall that is no menace to the good,  
It is only meant to impress those whom it should.  
It is a silent partner, strong,  
That ever protects us from the wrong.  
So armament, while it speaks of war,  
Is an agent for peace, one that furthers the peaceful hour.

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